

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 15, 22, 23 and 30-31 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A MHP terminal device comprising:

a broadcast interface for receiving a broadcast transport stream, wherein broadcast MHP applications to be launched at said MHP terminal device are transmitted within said broadcast transport stream and are received via said broadcast interface;

a local network interface for connecting said MHP terminal device to a local network, and for receiving local network transport streams emanating from other network devices connected to said local network so that local network MHP applications providing user interface resources according to the MHP standard to be launched at said MHP terminal device are transmitted within said local network transport streams and are received via said local network interface.

Claim 2 (Original): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that said local network transport stream comprises at least one of AV data, program specific information, MHP application byte code, service information, and particularly, said local network transport stream is a data stream according to the MPEG-2 standard.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized by a resident application that monitors both said broadcast interface and said local network interface in order to detect MHP applications transmitted within said broadcast transport stream or within said local network transport stream, and that initiates a loading of said MHP applications.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized by an application manager running on said MHP terminal device that is responsible for download, maintenance, and life-cycle management of both said broadcast MHP applications and said local network MHP applications.

Claim 5 (Original): MHP terminal device according to claim 4, characterized in that said application manager maintains an application database in which each downloaded MHP application is registered.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that at said MHP terminal device, the received MHP application byte code of said local network MHP applications is passed to a MHP layer, whereby a underlying transport protocol used on said local network is hidden from said MHP layer.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that said local network is a IEEE 1394 network, a wireless LAN, a wired LAN, a wired or wireless IP network, or any other kind of local network.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that on said local network, any kind of middleware is used for exchanging messages and/or commands.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that said MHP terminal device comprises graphical user interface resources,

display means, and user input means that enable a user to interact with said local network MHP applications and with said broadcast MHP applications.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that said local network MHP applications use graphical user interface resources at said MHP terminal device for providing a graphical user interface that enables a user to interact with said local network MHP applications.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that at said MHP terminal device, a graphical user interface is updated in order to show the availability of said local network MHP applications and/or of said other network devices.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that said local network MHP application is an application for remotely accessing and/or controlling the respective network device from which said local network MHP application has been received.

Claim 13 (Original): MHP terminal device according to claim 12, characterized in that remote access and remote control are effected by transmitting commands from the MHP terminal via the local network to the respective network device.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): MHP terminal device according to claim 1, characterized in that said other network devices comprise at least one of a NCAM, an AV

content server, a transcoder, a DVB recorder, a home automation server, or any other kind of network device.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A network device, comprising:  
storage means for storing local network MHP applications, or a means to generate such MHP applications, that are to be transmitted to a MHP terminal device;  
a local network interface for connecting said network device to a local network, and for transmitting a local network transport stream to said MHP terminal device, wherein local network MHP applications providing user interface resources according to the MHP standard to be launched at said MHP terminal device are transmitted within said local network transport stream; and  
multiplexing means for multiplexing said local network MHP application into said local network transport stream.

Claim 16 (Original): Network device according to claim 15, characterized by an object carousel generator for segmenting said local network MHP applications into a set of data packets, and for repeatedly transmitting said set of data packets.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): Network device according to claim 15, characterized in that said local network MHP applications use graphical user interface resources at said MHP terminal device for providing a graphical user interface that enables a user to interact with said local network MHP applications.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): Network device according to claim 15, characterized in that said local network MHP applications are MHP applications for remotely accessing and/or controlling said network device from said MHP terminal device.

Claim 19 (Original): Network device according to claim 18, characterized in that remote access and remote control are effected by transmitting commands from said MHP terminal device via said local network to said network device.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): Network device according to claim 15, characterized in that said network device is embedded in said MHP terminal device itself.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): Network device according to claim 15, characterized in that said network device either is a NCAM, an AV content server, a transcoder, a DVB recorder, or a home automation server.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A local ~~Local~~ network, comprising:  
a MHP terminal device according to claim 1; and  
at least one network device ~~comprising~~ including  
storage means for storing local network MHP applications providing user interface resources according to the MHP standard, or a means to generate such MHP applications, that are to be transmitted to a MHP terminal device,

a local network interface for connecting said network device to a local network, and for transmitting a local network transport stream to said MHP terminal device, ~~whereby~~ local network MHP applications to be launched at said MHP terminal device are transmitted within said local network transport stream, and

multiplexing means for multiplexing said local network MHP application into said local network transport stream.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network device that is connected to a local network by means of a MHP terminal device connected to the same local network, comprising steps of:

transmitting a local network MHP application providing user interface resources according to the MHP standard together with a local network transport stream from said network device to said MHP terminal device;

launching said local network MHP application at said MHP terminal device; and

transmitting commands and/or messages via said local network to said network device in order to remotely access and/or control said network device.

Claim 24 (Original): Method according to claim 23, further characterized by the following step:

monitoring said local network transport stream for MHP applications transmitted within said local network transport stream.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 23, further characterized by the following step:

downloading local network MHP applications from said local network transport stream.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 23, further characterized by the following step:

passing the MHP application byte code received by said MHP terminal device to a MHP layer at said MHP terminal device, wherein an underlying protocol used on said local network is hidden from said MHP layer.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): Method according to claim 23, further characterized by the following step:

providing a graphical user interface at said MHP terminal device that enables a user to interact with said local network MHP applications.

Claims 28-29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium having computer readable instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor performs steps comprising:

transmitting a local network MHP application providing user interface resources according to the MHP standard together with a local network transport stream from said network device to said MHP terminal device;

launching said local network MHP application at said MHP terminal device; and

transmitting commands and/or messages via said local network to said network device in order to remotely access and/or control said network device.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A computer program product having computer readable instructions therein, that when executed by a processor implement an apparatus comprising:

means for transmitting a local network MHP application providing user interface resources according to the MHP standard together with a local network transport stream from a network device to a MHP terminal device;

means for launching said local network MHP application at said MHP terminal device; and

means for transmitting commands and/or messages via said local network to said network device in order to remotely access and/or control said network device.